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ADVANTAGES OF PURSUING A HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY CERTIFICATE

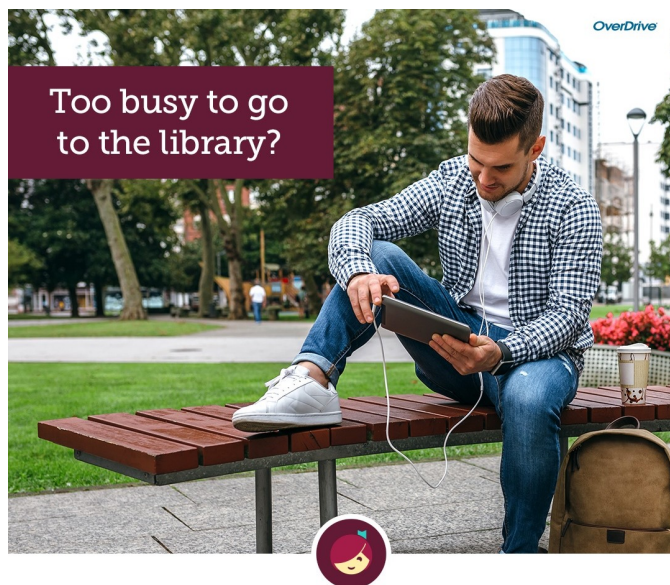
For high school dropouts several important advantages accrue to those that choose to pursue the high school equivalency certificate. These advantages occur automatically once success has been achieved on one of the two high school equivalency tests available in Texas. Most students understand that two of these advantages will be available to them, but many students are surprised by—and underestimate -- the value of the third advantage.

The first advantage deals with employment. Once students obtain their high school equivalency certificate, they are able to answer affirmatively on job applications when they see the question, “Do you have a high school diploma or GED?” In actuality, none of the state’s issue a GED certificate anymore; instead, a certificate of high school equivalency is issued. The wording on employment applications has not caught up with the changes in the high school equivalency process and accordingly, job applicants continue to see wording referring to the “GED.” We always instruct our students to answer yes to that question, regardless of whether they took the GED test or the HiSET (high school equivalency test) as they have obtained the high school equivalency irrespective of which test is taken.

The second advantage refers to access to post-secondary education. Once the high school equivalency certificate is obtained, the door is opened for students to attend post-secondary education. Additional admittance tests are usually required to gain admission to trade schools or four year colleges, but we work hard to educate our students well enough so that they can not only pass

the high school equivalency test, but also do well on any post-secondary admissions test that is required.

Finally, students gain self-esteem and self-confidence from achieving what, for most of them is a highly coveted goal. This self-esteem provides a clear advantage in applying for new jobs, entering post-secondary schooling, or any other goal they pursue. It is a marker in their lives that can be remembered and provide them with motivation to keep moving forward in life.



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The one-tap reading app from our college library.

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ZOOM STORY TIME

JOIN US ON WEDNESDAYS @ 10:30 AM FOR STORY TIME VIA ZOOM



MARCH 3RD: BIRTHDAY

MARCH 10TH: JOBS

MARCH 17TH: LUCK

MARCH 24TH: GARDEN

MARCH 31ST: BUNNY



SCAN THE CODE BELOW TO REGISTER



UPCOMING HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Good Friday
Friday, April 2
Saturday, April 3

Independence Day
Saturday, July 3
Monday, July 5

Memorial Day
Saturday, May 29
Monday, May 31

Labor Day
Saturday, September 4
Monday, September 6

It's Your Lucky Day!

SCRATCH AND WIN GAME

Check out 5 titles to
receive your "Lucky"
Scratch and Win

- *Open to all patrons
- *One Scratch and Win per day per patron
- *Winners claim your prize @ the
Circulation Desk
- *Must present winning Scratch and Win

March 15 - April 1

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March Imagination Kits

Weekly take home activities available for children
@ your library branch!



March 1st-March 6th: **Windsock**



March 8th-March 13th: **Pool Noodle Boats**



March 15th-March 20th: **Shamrock Sun Catcher**



March 22nd-March 27th: **Bird Kite**

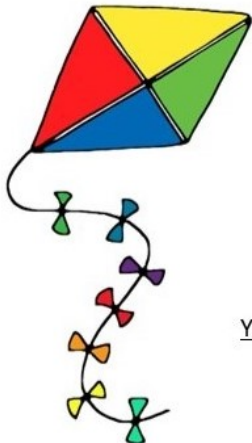


March 29th-April 1st: **Nature Portraits**



CATCH THE WIND!

This month 2 of our Imagination Kits use the power of wind - windsocks, and kites. If you would like to make different types of kites, learn more about the weather, or try some wind experiments check out these books from your library.



Catch the wind! All about kites by Gail Gibbons J 629.13332 GIB

How to make a kite by Colleen Hord J 629.13 HOR

The kite making handbook by Rossella Guerra 629.13332 KIT

The great kite book by Norman Schmidt 629.13332 SCH

How does the wind blow? by Patricia Murphy J 551.51 MUR

How could we harness a hurricane? by Vicki Cobb J 551.55 COB

You wouldn't want to live without extreme weather! by Roger Canavan J 551.6 CAN

Weather & Art Activities by Janet Sacks J 551.5 SAC

Kid's book of weather forecasting by Mark Breen J 551.63 BRE



Tyrrell Historical Library

The library continues to have three important genealogical databases that are free for patrons to use at the library. They include: **Ancestry Library Edition**, **American Ancestors**, and **Heritage Quest**. Staff can assist patrons with these genealogical database systems when visiting the library to do research.

In addition, the library has available two online web sites for patrons to access via the internet related to the local history contained in its archival collections. The first is a digital portal site that consists of scanned images from specific collections with descriptive background information that describe the historical significance of the item. This particular web site is hosted by OCLC CONTENTdm and can be reached by going directly to the following web address: <http://tyrrellhistoricallibrary.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/>.

The second is an online web site that contains various cataloged collections related to the local history archives of the library. It consists of historical background information with a detailed description of those materials that make-up a given collection. The description of materials for a collection is documented down to the folder level of arrangement. This specific web site is hosted by LYRASIS and is known as AchivesSpace and can be reached by going to the following web address: <http://archivespace.beaumonttexas.gov>.

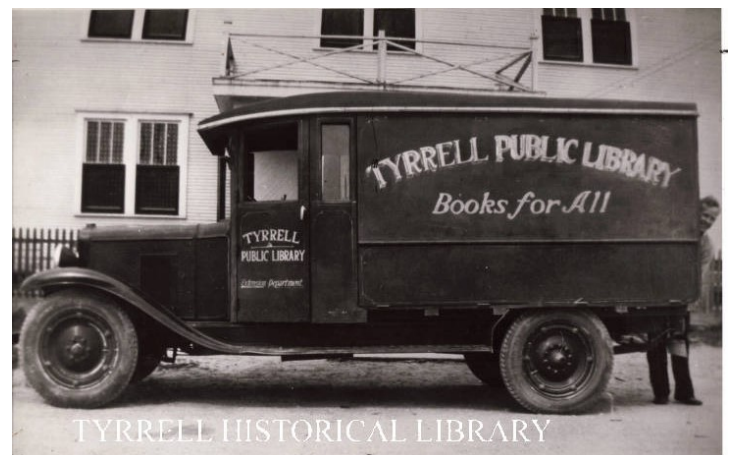
Both of the above two online web sites are excellent sources of information by which a patron can learn more about the rich history that the library has to offer for Beaumont. They can be reached easily through personal computer, laptop, tablet, or smartphone devices via the internet. Access to this online information is on a 24 hour/7 day a week basis. These are two valuable resources open to the public for ready use.

During the past month new content was added to the CONTENTdm hosted site. This digital portal site grew by 156 items. The newly uploaded items were contained in the Sallye J. Keith Papers, and the Glenn Cummings Papers related to Harry Brinkley Bass. The site now comprises over 89,000 items with 103 collections found on it.

Likewise, several more completed electronic finding aids that fully describe archival collections were recently added to the library's ArchivesSpace site hosted by LYRASIS. The newly cataloged collections included: the Juanita Phelps Papers; the Naaman Woodland, Jr. Papers; the Delta Kappa Gamma, Eta Chapter Records; and the Francis Wagner Papers. This site now consists of a total of 88 electronic finding aids found on it.

The library is in continual need of qualified volunteers willing to assist staff in daily operations. Those individuals interested in volunteering are asked to telephone the library and schedule an interview appointment with the branch manager. Please call the library at the following telephone number: (409)833-2759, ext. -3300.

Similarly, the library is always interested in donations of historic materials related to Beaumont and its surrounding communities that comprise the Golden Triangle Region. Patrons who may be interested in making donations of historic materials to the library are asked to contact the library at the following telephone number: (409)833-2759, ext. -3300. Staff will be glad to speak with patrons about possible donations of historic materials to the library.



Tyrrell Public Library Bookmobile—1929.

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Call Your Local Branch for More Information

CURB SIDE PICKUP



Main Library (downtown) - Johns Library - R.C. Miller Library -
Willard Library

Friends of the Beaumont Public Library Membership Form

Circle one:

Individual, \$10

Family, \$20

Patron, \$50

Name (please print): _____

Address: _____

Phone (with area code): _____

E-mail address: _____

Please make checks payable to: Friends of the Beaumont Public Library.

Mailing address is P.O. Box 5961, Beaumont, TX 77706



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Weekly Video Book Chat

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Adults, Youth, and Kids

Posted Each Week on the BPL FaceBook,
Instagram, and Twitter!

Book Lover's Club

FREE SERVICE FOR ADULT & TEEN CARD HOLDERS

Are you looking for a different
author or genre? Let us
pick out something new
for you to read.

Pilot project at the
Willard Library. Contact
the library for more information.

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Friday Funday Posts

KID'S TRIVIA POST EVERY
FRIDAY ON OUR FACEBOOK

It's Story Time...

Ms. Robin's Favorites!

Ms. Robin is reading her favorite
picture books and posting it on
Facebook. Check back each week
for a new story!





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First Chapters

LISTEN TO THE 1ST CHAPTER

CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE
TO LISTEN TO CHAPTER 1 OF A
GREAT NOVEL, AND DECIDE IF
YOU'D LIKE TO CHECK IT OUT AND
READ THE REST.

DAYS POSTED

MONDAY- ADULT FICTION
WEDNESDAY- YOUNG ADULT FICTION
FRIDAY- CHILDREN'S FICTION

FACEBOOK @ BEAUMONT
PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM



DO YOU HAVE A BOOK RECOMMENDATION?

Email your book title and a few sentences
about why you love it to:

shanon.welch@beaumonttexas.gov

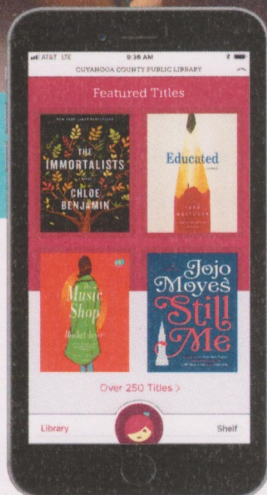
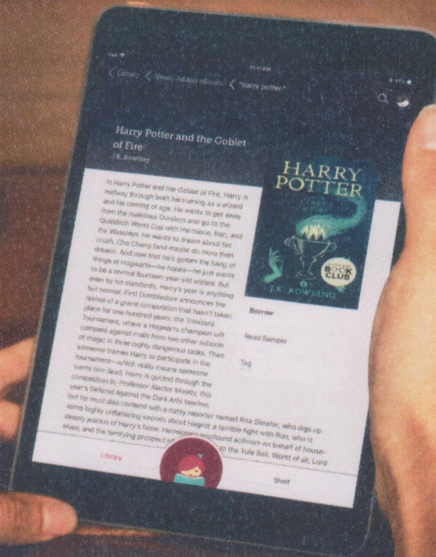
YOU COULD BE FEATURED ON THE
NEXT EPISODE OF CHECK IT OUT!



OverDrive

Try Libby.

The one-tap reading app
from your local library.

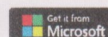
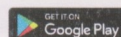
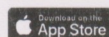


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801 Pearl Street

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695 Pearl Street

Monday—Friday 9:00am—6:00pm

<http://tyrrellhistoricallibrary.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/>

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409-842-5223

4255 Fannett Road

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Friday & Saturday 9:00am—6:00pm

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1605 Dowlen Road

Monday—Thursday 9:00am—6:00pm

Friday & Saturday 9:00am—6:00pm

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